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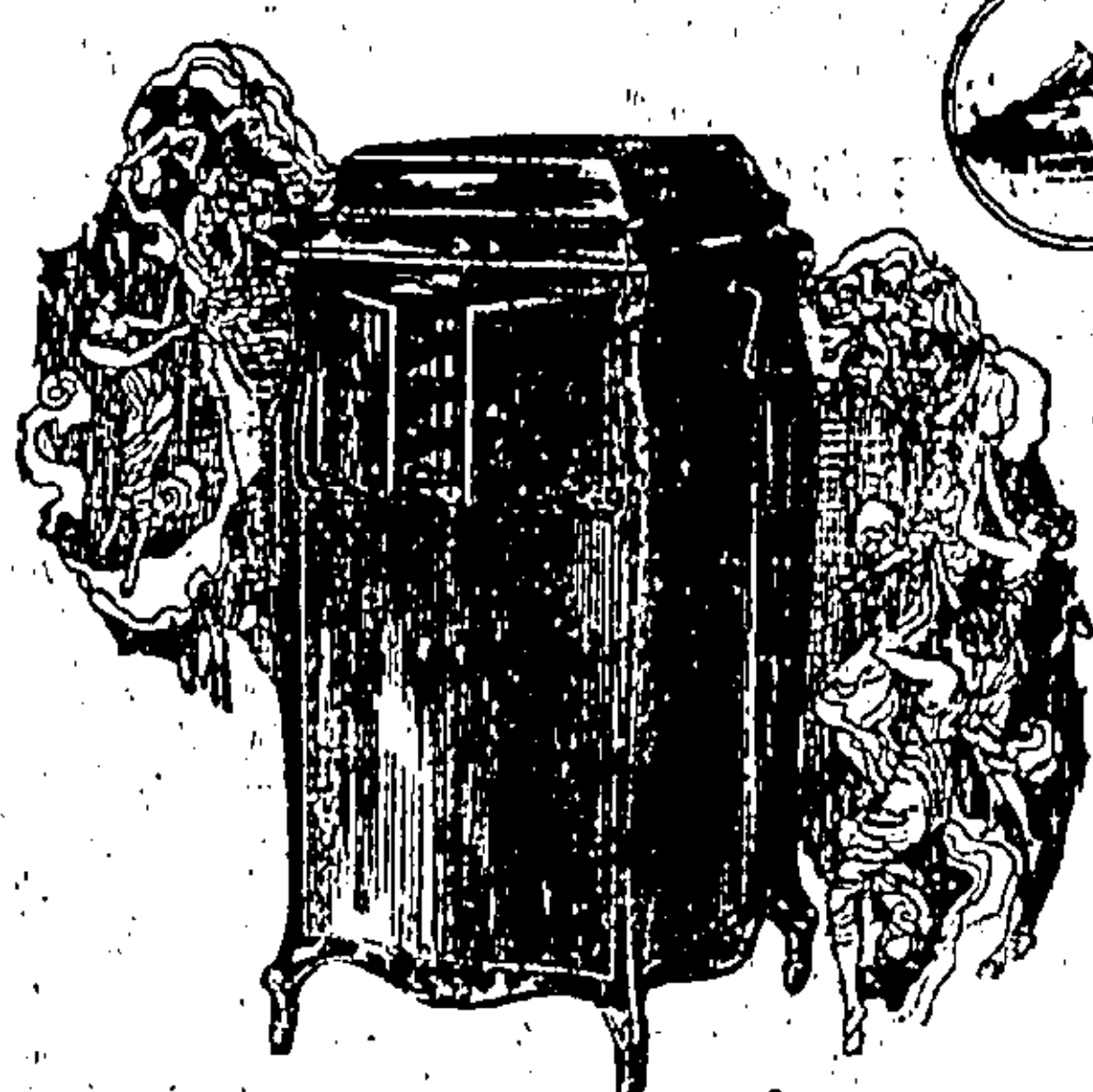
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BRITISH PREMIER'S STATEMENT.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

PARIS, January 27.

Interviewed by the *Quotidien*, organ of the Left bloc, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the British Premier, declared that British public opinion was uneasy with

regard to French policy. The two peoples at heart were very friendly. The dangerous clouds to-day were due to mutual misunderstanding which frank sympathetic explanations would clear up.

The Reparations expert committees would not be able to find a satisfactory solution within the narrow limits laid down. If the committees desired greater latitude and France refused, Britain would probably negotiate with them.

The question of the French debt to Britain could not be broached without discussing the whole European situation at the same time.

As regards an Anglo-French guarantee pact, the Socialists did not believe the safety of the nation should depend on armaments and alliances. The British Government would work for the admission of Germany and Russia to the League of Nations. Germany's entry into the League would be the best guarantee of safety for France.

NEW INTERNATIONAL POLICY.

An entirely new international policy ought to be inaugurated. The prejudices and tricks of the old diplomacy ought to be abandoned. He refused to believe that they would fail to establish a friendly entente with France. He was relying on the good sense and peaceful intentions of the French people to support the policy of Labour in delivering Europe from hatreds and fears.

Labour would follow the policy of favouring the accession to power of German democrats who were certainly and sincerely pacifist and disposed to pay reparations. The separatist movement if spontaneous did not concern Britain, but Labour would not recognise any separatist government engineered by a Foreign Power.

MEANWHILE.

ROME, January 27.

The Italo-Yugo-Slavian Treaty has been signed. Earlier cables reported that a Franco-Czechoslovakian Treaty has also been signed. The two countries proclaim their respect for international engagements, and their firm desire for the maintenance of peace in Europe and fidelity to obligations as defined in the peace treaties. They declare they are ready to take concerted action on external questions likely to endanger their security, and agree regarding the measures to be taken in the event of peril. They affirm their adherence to the political principles contained in Article 88 of the Treaty of Saint Germain, and their desire to adopt a common policy against any attempt to restore the Hohenzollerns or Hapsburgs.

FRESH HOPES

RAILWAY STRIKE SETTLEMENT?

MEDIATION EFFORTS.

LONDON, January 27.

Fresh hopes of a railway settlement are raised by an interview of the trades union mediation committee has had with the railway managers to whom they submitted a formula which it is understood the locomotivemen's executive had previously approved.

CAMERA NOTES.

USEFUL HINTS BY AN EXPERT.

HONGKONG WEATHER.

Now that the sun has apparently deserted Hongkong, most amateurs have, I suppose, given their cameras a rest until the time of dull, misty and rainy weather has departed, but it is quite possible to get some very excellent results under the present

conditions, however, generally only popular where a good lens is fitted, say an f/8.8, f/5.6, or f/4.5 and generally speaking, the fullest aperture of the lens is required when working. Readers must, however, bear in mind that the depth of focus, when working at full aperture, with this type of lens is very great. This only applies to photographing near objects which have to be

focused, i.e. are before the infinity mark, but when photographing in misty or rainy weather, of course focusing is nearly always necessary. I have personally obtained some particularly good results when working during this type of weather and recommend readers to try it only for experience sake.

Again I have noticed that when it does attempt to clear up, it usually does so in the late afternoon when the light is beginning to go, but here again Reflex users and others with cameras having good lenses will appreciate the fact that they are able to get good results in failing light owing to their superior lenses. After the rain the atmosphere always seems so clear. Yesterday evening was a really remarkable example of that.

I have heard many questions asked whether a Telephoto lens can be used with a Reflex instead of an

ordinary lens. It certainly can be so used but if only a Telephoto lens is fitted the user will find himself very disappointed with his results in many cases, owing to the impossibility of taking very near objects and being unable to get the whole of the subject reproduced on the plate. Therefore I would suggest always having the ordinary type of lens fitted, and then getting a Telephoto lens fitted into a spare lens-panel so that the two can be interchanged and used as suitable opportunities arise. The changing of the panels on most Reflex cameras is very easy, taking only a few seconds.

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RUSSIA'S FUTURE.
WHO WILL SUCCEED LENIN?
LEADERS SQUABBLE.
COMPLEX POLITICAL SITUATION.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

WARSAW, January 27.

A message from Moscow states that complex political situation has arisen owing to the death of M. Lenin. The Bolshevik chiefs are said to be squabbling behind the scenes. M. Trotsky is said to be in disgrace.

Dzerzhinski, who was in charge of Lenin's funeral arrangements, has come to the front. Strong-willed and fanatical, he is feared by the moderates who urge the factions to drop their quarrels and coalesce in order to solve domestic and foreign questions, especially in view of early recognition of the Soviet by foreign Powers.

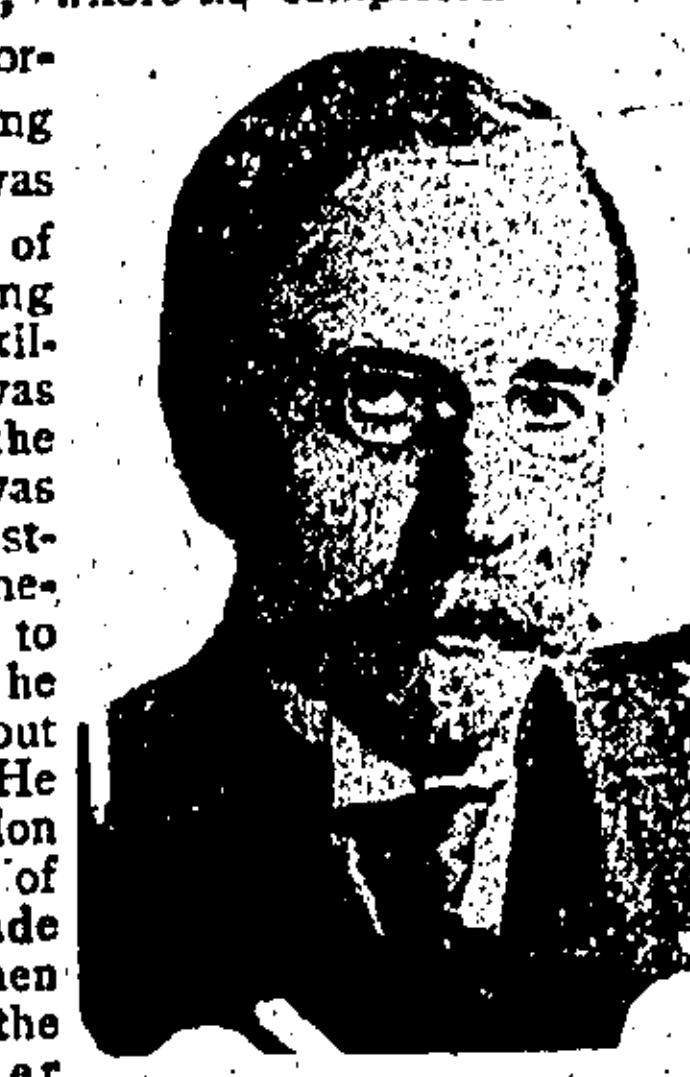
This tendency favours Trotsky, without whom no reconciliation of the factions will be real and lasting. The military are also likely to side with Trotsky.

In the event of reconciliation, M. Kalinin, President of the Executive Committee, will probably become President of the Council of Commissaries in succession to Lenin as he is not regarded as belonging to any faction. But at present Kameneff and Stalin are regarded as likely successors to Lenin if it is decided to replace him by one man instead of a triumvirate.

[The Post Mortem Inquiry established that the cause of the late M. Lenin's death was arteriosclerosis of the brain, apparently inherited from his father who died at the same age of the identical disease. M. Lenin's body was embalmed and an uninterrupted procession of people visited the coffin. The grave was prepared in the Red Square, Moscow, beside the monument commemorating the fifth anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution. The Diplomatic Corps decided to attend the funeral on Sunday, and to present a joint wreath.]

Leon Kameneff entered Moscow University in 1901. As a revolutionary he was arrested, but escaped to Paris, where he completed his law course at the Sorbonne. Returning to Russia, he was elected a deputy of the Duma. During the war he was exiled to Siberia but was released after the revolution. He was a delegate to Brest-Litovsk and Bolshevik Ambassador to Vienna. In 1917 he visited England but was deported. He returned to London in 1920 as head of the Soviet delegation. When charged by the Prime Minister with breaches of faith he returned to Russia.

Leon Trotsky, son of a Gervish chemist, was exiled to Siberia in 1901 for political agitation. He escaped to Geneva and returned to Russia during the revolutionary period of 1905. He became president of the moderate party but was associated with extremists under Lenin. He was arrested and sent to Siberia, but again escaped, and supported himself by journalism in Switzerland, France, Austria and Germany. When the war broke out he was in Paris. Unlike Lenin he sided with the Mensheviks. Later he became German agent and returned to Russia in 1917 to fan the revolution. He was elected president of the Soviet, and became people's commissioner for foreign affairs. Later he was made head of the Red Army. A man of action more than a theorist, he differed from Lenin in advocating continued foreign war in order to keep Bolshevism on its feet. Trotsky is an opportunist and a political gambler.



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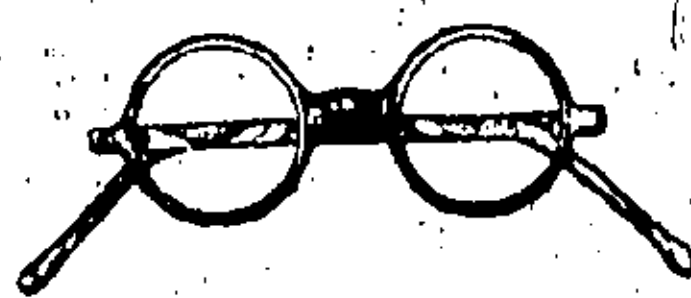
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ANNOUNCEMENT.

A marriage has been arranged between Mr. H. Shelley Brand, of Poochow, and Mrs. Niven Brown, widow of the late Mr. John Niven Brown, and daughter of the late Rev. John Russell (for 30 years Minister of Grange, Banffshire) and of Emilio (née), Duff-Gordon of Park.

DEATH.

GOLD.—On January 22, 1924, at Shanghai, Marcia Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Gold, age 18 months.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG MONDAY, JAN. 28, 1924.

WHEN LABOUR RULES.

Black anarchy is what the country would have cried ten years ago had it suddenly found itself under Labour rule. Ten years, however, have seen a lot of change, not only in the country itself but, with Labour also. To-day we are vastly more accustomed to social upheaval. We are slower to cry ruin over strange new conditions. The war and the armed peace have seen to that. These factors which have made us more amenable to sudden changes are the very forces which have also made Labour less anxious to make its rule a permanent one. It is a fact that Labour has played with

Labour would not last in power another day. The Conservative majority, which indeed it could never have defeated in the first place but for Liberal help, would crush it out of hand. These factors all augur well for an equable period as long as the present political status quo continues. Safe from any revolutionary changes, the country can settle down to the urgently needed industrial and political "tranquillity" which the previous Government so lamentably failed to provide.

"Maggie" and "Mac"

Hongkong should have more than a moment's interest, first in the election of Miss Margaret Bondfield to membership of the most select Club in Europe—the House of Commons, and now in her appointment as an Under Secretary, for Dr. Bondfield, her father, was, for some time, the Minister of the Union Church. Women members of the House of Commons are elected for various reasons—some wholly unconnected with their stability for political work. Miss Bondfield seems eminently fitted for the work she is now called upon to perform. In conjunction with Miss Susan Lawrence, also a member of the House, and the late Miss Mary Macarthur, of blessed memory, she helped create the National Federation of Women Workers, now merged in the General Workers' Union. In the years before and during the war, this trio of women with a vision, fought hard, and on the whole successfully, to raise the standards of pay and the status of the women employed in all manner of scattered industries. When they began their work, the women in the cotton industry were almost the only section that were tolerably well organised. Trade Unionism was widely supposed to be impossible among the general body of women workers, but these women showed that it was not impossible, and that it only required methods specially thought-out to meet the needs and minds of the women. They have made Trade Unionism among women normal instead of exceptional, and with their wide understanding of the working woman's point of view, they are peculiarly suitable to represent her in Parliament. Miss Bondfield's career in the House will be watched with not a little interest and with a feeling of good-will.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald is now the central figure in Politics and will be "the cynosure of all eyes." Evidence there is in plenty of his ability. An established critic of men and affairs on the spot rules him "fairly high in a Cabinet of the great European democracies who in the last generation or so have made the Parliamentary movement to the left." He is a man of principle, but not a fanatic; a statesman as well as one who will maintain the tradition of his high office. His character has been maintained as stainless as that of Burke or Gladstone. If the future is not full of hope for the Homeland, and if realisation does not wait upon this hope, we shall be very disappointed.

PEWS.

This evening St. Andrew's Church Vestry is to decide the question of pew rents. We have not been able to find out how the matter of few rents first originated. It may have been the need of raising money, or the desire of some to be sure of having a favourite seat reserved for them. In any case the idea of paying for a seat in a place of worship on any grounds whatsoever is obnoxious and as for removal from the spirit of Nazareth as is a Bishop in evening dress. It reminds us of the story of a breezy sea-captain who strolled into Church one Sunday and unwittingly sat in the squire's pew. The squire on his arrival was furious but could only show his chagrin by writing on a card and handing it to the usurer—"Sir, I pay £100 a year for this pew. Back came the reply on the back of the card 'you do'—a well pay too much."

While much of what William E. Nickerson, a director of the Gillette Razor Company, said to the students of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology was excellent, his assertion that he had experienced heavy losses in early life because he had not learned that it is unwise to make decisions while resentful or angry, is worthy of special mention. He spoke as a man who knew what he was talking about and not as a mere conveyor of platitudes. If some of his hearers take to heart what he said, they will find that this one piece of advice will be almost as valuable as their whole college course. The idea needs general application. The good idea of "sleeping on" a letter you have written hastily or in anger is a sensible one. It is a pity that it is not applied to other decisions made in a moment of anger or passion.

speedily withdrawn as they are made. Common sense demands it. Charity also. Maybe Mrs. Stanley Baldwin, had in mind the stand her husband was taking for protection in Great Britain, when she told the girls of St. Hilary's School, Normanhurst, Court, near Battle, the other day, that she recalled how a novelist of some thirty years ago took her and some other girls to task because they had dared to play cricket. They were pioneers, she added, and as such had paved the way for the present generation.

Today's Poem.

(Lament.)
'Tis here they say the journey ends
And little doubt it must be so;
But, as I tell my bestest friends,
I hate to go.

For eighty year I've went and come
Long with the lowliest of the low;
Yet, though the work-house be my home,
I hate to go.

'Twas good to sit and turn the news
And hear of others' weal or woe;
Even from the sick-ward's window
I hate to go.

A parlous thought, the silent throng
Who'll greet my bones in Beggar's Row.
Bound up along, or down along,
I hate to go.

—EDEN PHILLIPS.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

JANUARY 28.

1667.—And so into the boat, poor
Bobby's head sailing. We
home by water, a fine moon-
shine and warm night, it hav-
ing been a very summer's day
for warmth. I did get her
hand to me under my cloak.—
Peps.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

January 28.—Crown Theatre;
"One Exciting Night."
January 28.—Star Theatre;
"Guilty of Love."
January 28.—World Theatre;
"A Million to Burn."

February 4.—Concert in St.
Andrew's Hall, Kowloon, 9 p.m.
February 4.—Grand Chinese
Carnival in the Hongkong Hotel
Grill Rooms, 8-12 p.m.
February 23.—Royal Air Force
Reunion Dinner.
March 1.—St. David's Society
Dinner.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.
January 29.—Lammert Bros., at
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf
and Godown Co., Ltd., Kennedy
Town, one gas engine, 11 a.m.
January 30.—Lammert Bros., at
Sales Rooms, a quantity of sundry
goods, 11 a.m.

February 1.—One hundred and
fourth ordinary meeting of share-
holders of the Hongkong-Canton
and Macao Steamship Co., Ltd., at
the Offices of the Company, Noon.
February 2.—Fifth ordinary
yearly meeting of shareholders of
the Bank of East Asia, Ltd., at the
registered office of the Company, No.
10, Des Voeux Road Central,
3 p.m.

OTHER MEETINGS.
February 4.—General Meeting
of the Hongkong Jockey Club in
the Hongkong Club Annex, 5 p.m.
EXHIBITION.
January 28-29.—Exhibition of
paintings at the City Hall.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Lighting up time to-day is at
6.00 p.m.

The Perak River Valley Rubber
Co., Ltd. have declared a final
dividend of 6 per cent.

The Sanitary Board meets to-
morrow. There are 14 items of
business on the Agenda.

Mrs. B. A. D. Forrest is to
present the prizes at the Educa-
tional Institute on Thursday even-
ing.

Owing to the weather, St.
Paul's College has postponed till
after the Chinese New Year, the
prize distribution arranged for
Saturday night.

Holders of Rubber shares will
be pleased to know that last week
the Singapore market for rubber
shares kept steady. Rubber was
quoted at 4 1/2 cents.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. have
been in receipt of a telegram
from Shanghai intimating that the
New Engineering Shipbuilding
Works, Ltd. have declared a divi-
dend of 10 per cent. on the basis
of ordinary shares.

BANK SUED.

CLAIM FOR \$72,000.

DISPUTED CHEQUES.

WERE THEY FORGED?

Whether or not two cheques, one
for \$37,000 and another for \$35,000
were forged was the one of the
chief issues involved in an action
brought against the Bank of East
Asia Ltd. at the Supreme Court to-
day before the Chief Justice (Sir
William Rice Davies K.C.).

The plaintiffs were the Tai Wo
Company of Eastern Street, and they
claimed \$72,665, which they
said had been deposited with
the Bank. The Bank admitted
that the money had been deposi-
ted but contended that \$72,000 of it
had been paid out on two cheques
drawn by the plaintiffs, leaving a
credit balance of \$665 which had
been paid into Court. The
plaintiffs' answer to this was that
these cheques were forged.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by
Messrs. Lo and Lo) is appearing
for the plaintiffs and the Bank is
represented by Mr. Eldon Porter
K.C., with Mr. Campbell Prosser
(instructed by Messrs. Deacon,
Harston and Shannon).

The special jurors called were:
Messrs. T. E. Pearce (foreman),
P. Tester, J. H. Seth, W. Nicholson,
H. E. Parkinson, T. Arthur and J.
McArthur.

The first half hour or so of the
hearing was taken up with a pre-
liminary argument as to which
side should open its case first.
Mr. Jenkin said the defendants
ought to begin first because upon
them lay the burden of proof. Mr.
Porter said he was quite ready to
open but quoted a number of
authorities to support his contention
that the onus clearly lay upon the
plaintiffs.

The Chief Justice having ruled
against him, Mr. Porter opened
the defendants' case. He said
that on September 6 an account was
opened with the bank on behalf of
the plaintiffs by a man named Lau
Se-yuen who paid in a sum of
\$10,000 and gave a specimen of the
firm's chop. From time to time
Lau Se-yuen operated on the ac-
count and on October 25 and 27
two cheques were drawn in favour
of the Yangtze Trading Company,
which, observed the court, "was
no longer to be found in the
Colony." The Bank claimed that
these cheques were properly paid
by them and if that was so
Mr. Porter said he would un-
hesitatingly say that Lau Se-yuen
was guilty of fraudulent conduct.

The Tai Wo firm, Mr. Porter
explained, consisted of three
partners—Lau Se-yuen and two
gentlemen who lived in Canton.
They were described as
"merchants." "But," counsel
added, "I do not think I am giving
away any secrets of solicitors'
offices when I say that the term
"merchants" is often used to cover
transactions by a firm a more exact
description of which it is difficult
to give. Similarly if Lau Chi-yuen
were a man of no particular occupa-
tion you would probably find him
described as Lau Chi-yuen, gen-
tleman." As far as the books
went, counsel continued, it appar-
ed that apart from certain transac-
tions in gold dollars the firm did
practically no business and em-
ployed very few clerks.

Dealing with the disputed
cheques Mr. Porter demonstrated
that whoever drew them must have
known as much about the plaintiffs'
account as Lau Chi-yuen himself.
Whoever was right or wrong in
the case the Yangtze Trading
Company were in the swindle.
An account was opened in favour
of the Yangtze Trading Company
on October 23 and there could be
no doubt, maintained Mr. Porter
that that was done for the purposes
of this swindle and in order to re-
ceive the cheque for \$35,000 to be
drawn on the plaintiffs' account on
October 25.

Evidence would be called, Mr.
Porter indicated, to show that the
handwriting on the disputed
cheques was the handwriting of
Lau Se-yuen. Regarding the
chops, the Bank's case was that
the chops on the disputed cheques
appeared to be the same as those
appearing on admittedly genuine
documents, but when examined
under the microscope they revealed
differences which could not be
detected with the naked eye.
That, said counsel, was just what
one would expect.

The case is proceeding.

CRICKET.

QUEEN'S v. TAIKOO.

The following will represent the
College in the above match on
February 5, Chinese New Year
Day, on the Indian Recreation
ground, commencing at 2.15 p.m.
sharp. Messrs. E. M. de Arroll,
(Captain), A. R. Minn, S. A. Linnell,
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PIRATES AGAIN.

SWEDISH STEAMER SEIZED.

CANTON RIVER ATTACK.

GANG ESCAPES WITH \$1,500 BOOTY.

Still another piracy has been carried out in Canton waters, the
victim this time being the small Swedish cargo steamer "Salen,"
which was sent aground on Saturday night and ransacked for booty
worth \$1,500. Fortunately none of the ship's company was harmed.

Vessel Unarmed.

That the pirates must have inter-
mingled with the coal-coolies on
board and thereby passed muster
when the ship left Canton, is the
inference which has been drawn
from the events in the Canton
river delta on Saturday night. As
the ship is essentially a cargo-boat
no guns or arms were carried.
Hence the Captain, officers and
engineers were not able to offer
resistance. Fortunately, there
were no casualties, although a lot
of indiscriminate firing went on.
The loot comprising effects of the
officers and crew, provisions, the
ship's sextant, chronometer and
other instruments, is valued at
\$1,500.

Pirates Mix With Crew.

The "Salen" is a Swedish vessel
of 1,587 tons, for which the Kailan
Mining Administration (Messrs.
Dodwell and Co., Ltd.) are local
agents. She is commanded by
Captain Pottinger. Arriving here
on Wednesday with a cargo of
coal from Chinwangtao, she left
for Canton on Thursday to dis-
charge the balance of her cargo.
She arrived in Canton on Friday
and left that port on Saturday at
6.00 p.m., taking back with her a
number of coolies that had gone
up from Hongkong to unload the
ship. It is felt that the pirates
must have come aboard in Canton,
and mixed with the coolies. All
went well till the ship had passed
Whampoa and left the junction
Reach which leads into the Canton
outlets of the East River.

Ordinarily, the course would
have been to turn southwards to
make for the Bocca Tigris passage,
but at 8.30 p.m., there was a
scuffle on board ship.
A number of the pirates
made a rush for the bridge which
they got control of. The chief
officer was on watch at the time
but he had to submit to the over-
whelming odds. Having got the
upper hand, the pirates forced the
pilot, with revolvers pointed at

him, to take the ship into Escape
Creek, which leads up towards
that part of the Canton-Kowloon
Railway near San Tong in the
Tsang Shing-Tung Kun districts.

Run Aground.

As soon as the ship was run onto
a mudbank, other pirates came out
in sampans and also boarded the
vessel. Especially at the outset
and intermittently afterwards, the
pirates discharged their weapons
but there were no casualties.
After ransacking the ship for
all they could get the pirates left
in the sampans with their booty.
There was nothing that could
be done at the time except
to get the ship floated off
and to make for Hongkong.
The "Salen" arrived here this
morning. She is due to leave for
Saigon this afternoon. An inter-
view with the captain was sought
but he was too busy replenishing
his stores.

An Evil Spot.

This is not the first occasion on
which ships have been pirated in
that part of the Canton River delta
between Whampoa and Bocca
Tigris. Other merchant and
passenger vessels have been
surprised there and invariably
assistance was forthcoming from
the shore. In one case a small cargo ship
was challenged by an armed launch
subsequent to which the ship was
cleared of her cargo and a number
of the crew were taken away for
ransom.

Narrow Escapes?

About a fortnight ago, half a
dozen vessels including a China
Navigation ship, one of the
"Kwang" river boats and others
were stuck on mudbanks owing to
the exceptionally low tide prevail-
ing. It was reported at the time that
something of a combined watch
was kept as the Chinese on board
some of the vessels were in fear of
pirates as they knew the locality.
However, nothing untoward occur-
ed and when the tide came in the
ships continued their trips.

SIGN OF THE TIMES.

USUAL ARMED ROBBERY
EPIDEMIC.

An epidemic of armed robberies
usually breaks out at this time of
the year and three such crimes
were mentioned in this morning's
police report.
At 10.22 this morning a message
was received at the Central Station
to the effect that the second floor
of No. 40, Shaikwan Road, had
been robbed but no details were
available at the time.

Two occurred in the Sham-
shui-poo district on Saturday night.
The first was at No. 50, Lai-chikok
Road where three rugs which cost
\$36 were taken from a woman's
pocket. The other inmates missed
\$97 worth of jewellery etc.

Four men with revolvers took
part in a raid on the ground floor
of No. 18, New Street, which
was occupied by six women.
After staying half-an-hour
and delving into every nook and
corner, they managed to get
together \$29 in money, and
clothing.

"TAI LEE" PIRACY.

SUSPECTS BEFORE THE
COURT.

SECURING WITNESSES.
Following the arrests here and
in Canton of men alleged to have
been connected with the piracy
of the s.s. "Tai Lee", as reported
in Friday's China Mail, Mr. T. H.
King, Director of Criminal In-
telligence, appeared before Mr.
J. R. Wood this morning to
prosecute the four suspects.

Outlining the case, Mr. King
said that the had communicated
with Kowloon to get the wit-
nesses. At present the evidence
was only in embryo. Three
of the men, Mr. King claimed,
were members of the crew and
the other was a hawker on board.
No. 4 defendant was the carpen-
ter who remained on the ship and
came back to Hongkong after the
piracy. In his possession was a
considerable sum of money about
which the police were not yet
satisfied. The first three, said Mr.
King, absconded from the ship
immediately after the piracy
and were arrested in Canton and
one here.
His witness, then, formally re-
manded the case till next Monday.

SATURDAY'S SOCCER.

RAIN SPOILS GAMES.

INTERPORTER'S BIG SCORE.

On grounds made slippery by
the rain, nothing like good foot-
ball could be indulged in on
Saturday. Players on the whole,
found it hard to keep their feet
and teams of heavy "hustlers"
who could get going, were at a
premium.

The star attraction was the
interport trial at Sookumpoo, in
which the men who will do duty
in Shanghai, beat South China—
playing a reserve defence-by
nine goals to one.

At the third time of asking and
on a neutral ground, the "Titania"
Reserves ousted the nippy St.
Joseph's College team by a goal to
nil. Two previous games had
been left drawn.

INTERPORT TRIAL.
Interport Team... 9. South China 1

JUNIOR SHIELD.

FIRST ROUND REPLAY.
"Titania" Reserves 1 St. Joseph's 0
SECOND ROUND.

"Marazion" 4 H.C.K.F. Reserves 2
LEAGUE DIVISION 2.
Club de Recreo 7 R.A.G. Reserves 3
"Dionede" Res. Kowloon Reserves
3-3

The Interport Trial.
Eaton (4), Johnson (2), Begg,
Stewart and Lam, Yuk-ying (put
through his own goal) were the
scorers for the interport team in
their match with South China
whose goal was obtained by Wong
Shi-wa from a penalty kick.

Up to the interval, the travellers
had scored two but in the second
half, they were easily on top. The
Chinese halves made great efforts
but the backs were not up to the
interport class.

EARTHQUAKE.

SHOCK FELT IN THE
PHILIPPINES.

MANILA, January 27.
An earthquake, quite originating
near Babuyan Island, with an
intensity of four to five was felt in
the provinces north of seven de-
grees latitude.—Reed.

T. T. exchange on London is
44 1/2 on Shanghai 27.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION CO., LTD.

The twenty-second annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd., was held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., this morning. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard presided and was supported by Sir Paul Chater, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. A. S. Gubbay and A. H. Compton (Directors).

After Mr. L. S. Greenhill, the Acting Secretary, had read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said:—

Gentlemen, the report and statement of accounts have been in your hands for some days, and with your permission I will follow the usual procedure and take them as read. At the last meeting I informed you that it was your Directors' intention to wind up the Company, and with this in view we have completed the sale of all property and investments. This together with income from other sources has enabled us to show a net profit of \$356,152.18 for the year. It is proposed to pay the usual dividend of 7 per cent. on the paid up capital, and a bonus of \$10 per share amounting altogether \$190,625 which is practically all our available cash.

Our assets now consist of mortgages which will be paid off in June, except one for which your Directors propose to make other arrangements. This will enable us to liquidate the Company during the coming summer. I do not think that there are any other matters that call for comment and now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts. When this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any question which shareholders may wish to ask.

No questions were asked. The first resolution was seconded by Mr. H. P. White.

The second resolution confirming the appointment of Mr. A. S. Gubbay as Director of the Company was proposed by Mr. C. C. Boyd and seconded by Mr. R. Sudick.

Other resolutions adopted were:— "That Mr. A. S. Gubbay and Sir Robert Ho Tung be re-elected as Directors of the Company."

Proposed by the Rev. Father Robert and seconded by Mr. J. T. Bagram. "That Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming be elected auditors to the Company for the ensuing year."

Proposed by Mr. E. M. Raymond and seconded by Mr. A. H. Compton.

HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

The thirty-fifth annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., was held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., this morning. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard presided and other Directors supporting him were Sir Robert Ho Tung, Sir Paul Chater, the Rev. Father Roberts, Messrs. A. S. Gubbay, A. H. Compton, and H. P. White.

Mr. L. S. Greenhill, the Acting Secretary read the notice convening the meeting and then the Chairman said:—

Gentlemen, during the year under review the Articles of Association were brought up to date, and the opportunity was taken to divide the \$100 share of the Company into 4 shares of \$25 each. As you are aware the undertaking of the Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., was acquired last year and shareholders in that concern were granted 4 of our shares of \$25 each fully paid for each share held in the Central Estate. The net assets taken over, exceeded the par value of the new share issue by the sum of \$1,309,632.83 and this you will observe is shown in the profit and loss account.

The profit on investments, \$120,000 is in respect of our holding of shares in the Hongkong Land Reclamation Company. We utilized part of the bonus \$110 per share paid by that Company, last January to write down our shares to half their book value, and carried the balance to profit and loss account. It is difficult to make a satisfactory comparison of earnings with those of the previous year, as from 1st July last the accounts of the Central Estate have been incorporated in ours. It is owing to this amalgamation that the "Amount invested in Property" is higher this year in spite of the fact that there were substantial sales which realized a profit of \$2,038,676.62 against \$1,880,629.27 in the previous year.

We sold property freely during the boom period, and included in our sales were some of the Marine Rights in the New Praya Reclamation.

The debentures amounting to \$1,600,000 are of course those taken over from the Central Estate, and are due for repayment this Spring.

The balance of the profit and loss account is \$4,094,186.88 and with the carry forward we have the sum of \$5,965,886.87 to deal with.

We propose to pay a dividend of \$1.21 per share and a bonus of \$2.21

per share making \$700,000. Those holding shares Nos. 1—40,000, that is to say shares issued to former shareholders in the Central Estate, will participate to the extent of one half in the total dividend and bonus for the year. This will be \$2.60 per share totalling \$100,000; pay a bonus to staff of \$8,000; place to reserve account \$167,886.87; totalling \$6,965,886.87 and I trust this distribution will commend itself to shareholders.

Incidentally I may mention that the dividend and bonus for the year represents \$20 per share on the shares before they were split up into 4, and is \$3 more than that paid for 1923.

I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented and when these have been duly seconded I shall be glad to answer any questions which shareholders may wish to ask.

Mr. Cassidy seconded. Mr. Carroll asked the Chairman what they proposed doing with the Reserve Fund and suggested that a bonus should be paid in cash to the shareholders.

Mr. Bernard explained that the Company had to pay back \$1,500,000 on debentures, they had got to pay \$3,000,000 in dividends now and they had to find \$2,000,000 in bonus which meant they would have to borrow from the bank.

The resolution confirming the appointment of Mr. A. S. Gubbay and the Rev. Father L. Robert as Directors was proposed and seconded by Messrs. Bridges and Wilton respectively.

Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. H. P. White were re-elected as Directors by a resolution proposed by Mr. I. S. Perry and seconded by Mr. E. M. Crawford.

The last resolution providing for the election of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming as auditors to the Company was proposed by Mr. G. H. Potts and seconded by Mr. C. C. Boyd.

HONGKONG ROPE CO.

CAPITAL INCREASE TO \$2,000,000.

Resolutions passed by shareholders at an extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company held at the offices of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., (General Managers, this morning provided for the increase of the Company's capital from \$600,000 to \$2,000,000. Mr. R. G. Shewan presided and supporting him were the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak and Mr. Allan Cameron (members of Consulting Committee) and Mr. E. J. Tavares, secretary.

In explaining the object of the meeting, Mr. Shewan said:— "This meeting has been called at the request of a number of influential shareholders representing some 35,000 shares who desire:—

1st.—That the Capital of the Company should be raised from \$600,000 to \$1,500,000 by the creation of 30,000 bonus shares to be distributed to shareholders at par in the proportion of 9 new for every 6 old shares.

2nd.—That the present plant and machinery be transferred from the present valuable site they occupy to a less valuable one in Kowloon or the New Territory to be obtained from the Government and that the Company should take up the manufacture of twines and string as well as rope. As to this it is a matter that has been engaging the attention of the General Managers for some time past and as a fact estimates for such a plant have just been received from home.

3rd.—That the Company should provide fresh Capital to carry out these proposals by the issue of \$500,000 of new Capital in 50,000 shares of \$10—each to be offered to shareholders in the proportion of one new share for every three old and bonus shares thus raising the Capital again from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000.

Resolutions have been drawn up to meet the requirement of the shareholders mentioned and are now before you for your approval.

Before, however, I put them to the meeting I must say that I am desirous by the Consulting Committee to inform shareholders that similar proposals were laid before the Consulting Committee by the General Managers at a meeting held on January 10 and the question of creating bonus shares by writing up the value of the land or other assets was raised. The following is an extract of the Minutes of Proceedings:—

"After a lengthy discussion it was finally proposed by Mr. White that New Capital be called up to the extent of \$400,000—or \$500,000—but the value of the land be not written up. The Hon. Mr. Leong and Mr. Cameron agreed with Mr. White that the land be not written up and further stated that they prefer deferring the new issue of Capital until such time as an estimate as near as possible can be obtained for the cost of the new factory. Mr. White's proposal was carried by a majority vote of the Chairman."

The Chairman was duly commended by the shareholders who had

suggested the original proposal and who then requested the General Managers to call this meeting, trust I have put all that has led up to this meeting exactly and clearly before you but before proceeding to put the resolutions I shall be glad to answer any questions from shareholders.

I now propose the first resolution as just read. It was seconded by Mr. G. P. Lammert.

The second resolution was also proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. A. A. Cordeiro.

The third resolution was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. H. H. Taylor.



Sir Auckland Geddes

NEW YORK, January 26.

Sir Auckland Geddes, prior to his departure for England today, expressed satisfaction at leaving a "clean slate at the Embassy."

Replying to a request that he should interpret the clause in the Liquor Treaty "hour's steaming distance from American shores," he said that one should be enabled to tell by the speed of the boat engine. If any doubt existed tests could be made and averages struck.

Sir Auckland Geddes was the recipient of unusual honours. As the "Aquitania" steamed down the Bay soldiers fired a salute of twenty-one guns, Sir Auckland Geddes in the meanwhile standing at attention.—*Reuter*.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Eastern Extension Route to America via the Commercial Pacific Cable is interrupted. Telegrams are being forwarded via Atlantic.

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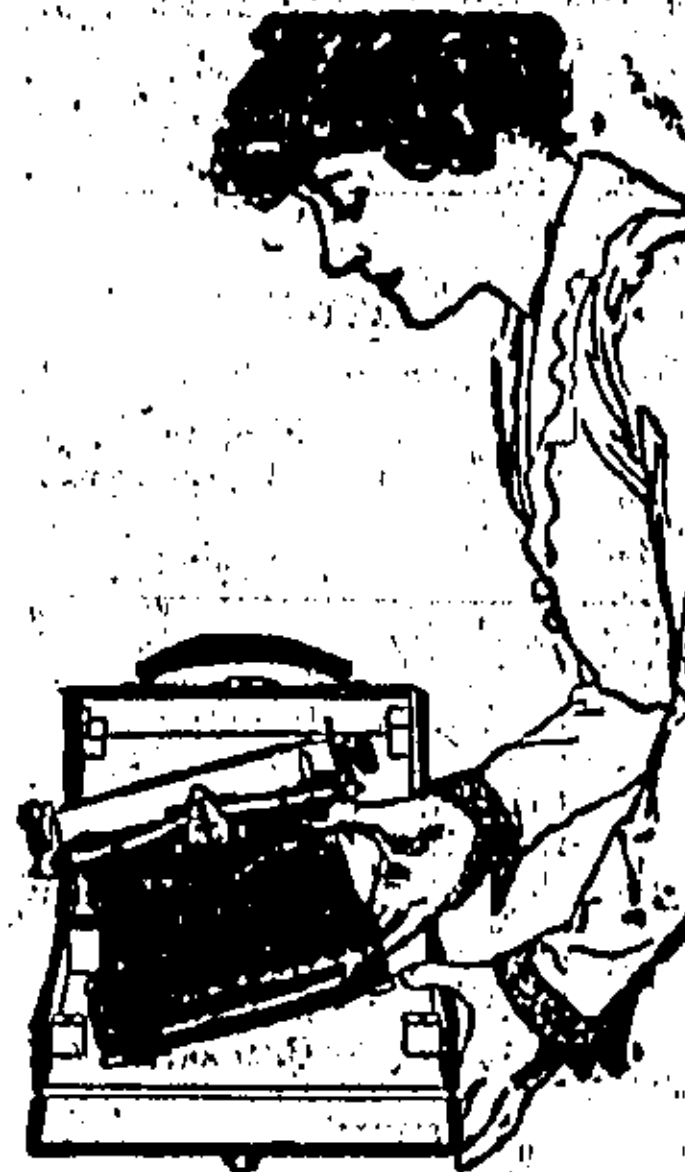
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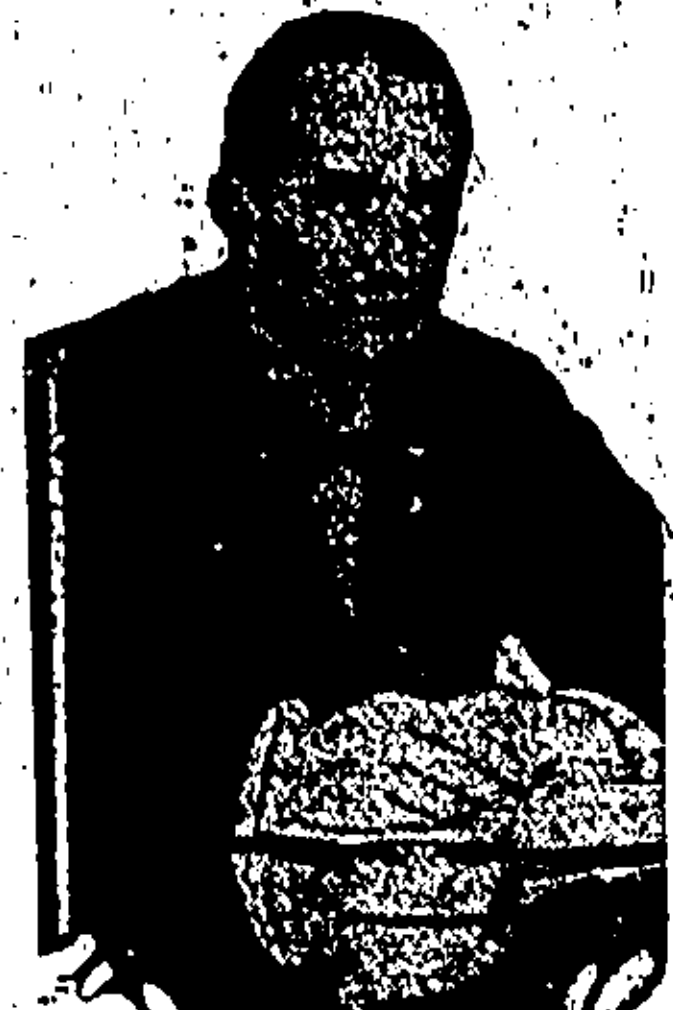
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC.



W. S. Bruce

According to a Reuter cable from London, Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister of Australia) has sailed for home. He visits Gallipoli en route and joins the "Orsona" at Port Said. Mr. Thomas, Minister of Colonies, bade him farewell on behalf of the British Government.

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R. H. R. WADE,
Commissioner of Chinese Customs,
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JAPAN'S PRINCE REGENT
MARRIED.

NOTABLE CEREMONY.

TOKYO, January 26.

One hundred and one guns fired from the battery in the centre of the city at 10.15 this morning announced the conclusion of the main ceremony of the marriage of the Prince Regent Hirohito and Princess Nagako, which took place within the Imperial Chiyoda Palace. The salute was taken up by warships lying in Shinagawa Bay, at Yokohama and other ports of the Empire. The Capital City was awakened by the firing of aerial bombs, soon after which hundreds of thousands of people filled every available point along the lines of the procession to and from the Palace.



The entire route was lined with soldiery and police, but nowhere was there any evidence of disorder. The Regent left the Palace at nine o'clock and proceeded to Chiyoda, receiving banquets and every evidence of deep respect. He reached the Palace very shortly before the Princess, who was accompanied by a large number of attendants. Before their arrival, all the members of the Imperial family, with the exception of the Emperor and Empress, the former of whom is ill at Numazu, gathered at the Palace, also some seven hundred Court officials and notables. The ceremony took place in the outer and inner ancestral shrines, where Prince Kyo, acting as Master of Rites, read from the Shinto scripture. After the Prince and Princess had paid homage, the ceremony closed with the passing of the sacred wine cup by the ritualist, first to the Prince and then to the Princess.



On leaving the Palace the Imperial couple occupied the same state carriage, followed by a long line of motors with Baron Makino and Baron Chinda and other Court officials. The procession, in brilliant sunshine, passed through masses of cheering homing crowds to the Akasaka Palace, where in the afternoon the Regent and his Princess received the officials. This was followed by a banquet, the last act of which was the exchange of the wine cup between the bride and the bridegroom. An amnesty, which includes thousands of prisoners, was declared, even the most desperate criminals getting a reduction of their terms of imprisonment. It is expected that a number of promotions will be announced shortly. It is understood that Baron Makino resigns as Minister of the Household and may be succeeded by Baron Chinda.

Tokyo, Jan. 27.—The Imperial newlyweds departed for Numazu at 10.5 a.m. by special train, to pay their respects to the Emperor and Empress. Traffic was suspended along the line, and soldiers were stationed on either side 200 yards

SLOGANS FOR STAMPS.
POSSIBLE POST OFFICE
ADVERTISING.

HONGKONG HANDICAPS.

Although one may buy a lion or a leopard in Hongkong, one cannot possibly buy a British penny stamp. Recently a local resident desired to send a postal order. Home for one shilling and one penny. While he could get an order for a shilling, he could not get a penny stamp to complete his request. The Postmaster-General approached by a China Mail man, readily explained the position.

British penny stamps, he said, are not necessary to make up an odd amount on a postal order to be sent abroad.

Mr. Lindell quoted a paragraph from page 226 of the Postal Guide. This stated in effect that Hongkong stamps were to be used for amounts up to 5d, but not more than three stamps were allowed. The sterling equivalent is based on the rate of four Hongkong cents for a penny.

Our correspondent, therefore, and many other people who have found themselves in a similar predicament can be assured that their odd amounts can be made up with the aid of local stamps which are acceptable in all parts of the British Empire.

The enterprising G.P.O. in London takes full advantage of its value as a medium of publicity. Its latest project is displayed on letters received from England. The cancelling stamp is marked "British Empire Exhibition, London April 1924, Australia's Opportunity"—a reminder which will reach people in all corners of the globe.

A little more advertising of the attractions of Hongkong would prove effective and a stamp on letters stating "See Beautiful Hongkong" may be beneficial in its results. People in Hongkong, especially those with a keen eye to business, are asking whether or not it is possible for the Post Office here to emulate the example of London.

The Postmaster-General was interviewed on the subject. He said that practically it was impossible to launch out with such methods in Hongkong. The explanation was quite simple. In London ingenious stamping machines were used, whereas in Hongkong—and most places in the Far East—the cancelling and marking of stamps was done by hand. When letters were stamped in London they were inserted in the machine and emerged in a few seconds, cancelled and marked with whatever phrase was in vogue at the time. To arrange for a hand stamp to be adapted to impress some advertising line would mean endless toil and would probably have disastrous results.

This opened up another question regarding local Post Office methods. Mr. Lindell was asked if Hongkong would adopt the modern stamping machine and reduce the labour. He replied that in his opinion it would not be for some years. The transition would bring endless complications and the intricacies of the machines and possible breaks in their mechanism would cause a disruption which would be fatal to the working of the post office.

THE CORONET.

"ONE EXCITING NIGHT"

The Coronet are announcing the last two nights of Griffith's mystery film "One Exciting Night." In this latest picture, the big producer puts in all the elements that go to make up effective mystery—secreted treasure, personal disappearance, puzzling homicide, and hidden identity. And of course, there is a pretty love story. Another novel feature of this, for a Griffith film, is that the usual mob scenes, and spectacular effects, are not very much in evidence. Only one "big" scene is interpolated, but this is said to be a wonderful piece of realism in the shape of a storm which is shown as doing immense damage. Finally, probably for the first time in films of this class, a fund of excellent black-face comedy is introduced by Romeo Washington a wonderful negro character.

A spectacular reception was planned at Numazu, where the couple will spend the night, returning to Tokyo on Monday.

BRITISH PREMIER'S GOOD WISHES.
London, Jan. 27.—The Premier conveyed to the Japanese Ambassador a message of goodwill and congratulation on behalf of the British Government and people to the Prince Regent of Japan on the occasion of his marriage.

"KEE CHONG" HONG.

ST. GEORGE'S BUILDING.

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The reported acquisition by Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co., as General Managers of the Hongkong and Territorial Estates Limited, of St. George's Building, marks another step in the expansion and progress of this enterprising company. Negotiations have been concluded, we understand, between Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co., and the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., for the purchase of the building. St. George's Building stands in the midst of the busiest commercial centre of Hongkong, facing the harbour and opposite the Star Ferry Pier and bordered by Chater Road and Ice House Street.

It is stated that when the building is taken over it will be named "Kee Chong" Hong. Permanent offices are now secured by Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co., for the many companies under their management, besides providing room for their own progressive business.

HON. MR. KOTEWALL.

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER.

To mark the occasion of the confirmation by His Majesty of his appointment as a member of the Legislative Council, the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall was given a dinner at the Yee Wo Restaurant on Saturday night by leading members of the Chinese community.

Amongst those present were: the Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-son, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. Liang Shih-yi (ex-Premier of China), Mr. Ho Fook, Mr. Chow Siu-ki, Dr. S. W. Iso, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Mr. Ho Kwong, Mr. M. K. Lo, and many others including the members of the Tung Wah Hospital Committee, the Po Leung Kuk Committee, and the District Watchmen's Committee.

The Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce (Mr. Li Pok-kuai) presided, and on behalf of the gathering, he offered congratulations to the guest of honour. It was felt, he said, that the good work done by Mr. Kotewall during the short time he had been a member of the Legislative Council had fully justified the Government in making the appointment.

Responding, Mr. Kotewall thanked the Chairman for his eulogistic remarks about himself and expressed deep appreciation of this encouraging demonstration of friendship and goodwill.

WATER COLOURS.

FINE CITY HALL SHOW.

Hongkong art lovers will not want to miss the opportunity presented to-day and to-morrow of witnessing the fine exhibition of Japanese water-colours, which, through the enterprise of Messrs. Komor and Komor, is taking place at the City Hall. The pictures have been sent by the "Nippon Water-Colour Society of Tokyo" and some of the best known Japanese artists are represented. There is a fine variety of subject and vividness of colour about the paintings and the exhibition certainly repays a visit and intending purchasers will find prices plainly marked.

Some interesting local views are shown, notably Maruyama's painting of St. John's Cathedral and some capital seascapes and pictures of pinks by the same artist. Takeo Hirai offers some fascinating views of Hongkong and Canton, these being chiefly impressionistic travel sketches. Over 300 pictures are on view and it would take days, if not weeks, to study them all properly. Unfortunately the exhibition will only be open to-day and to-morrow from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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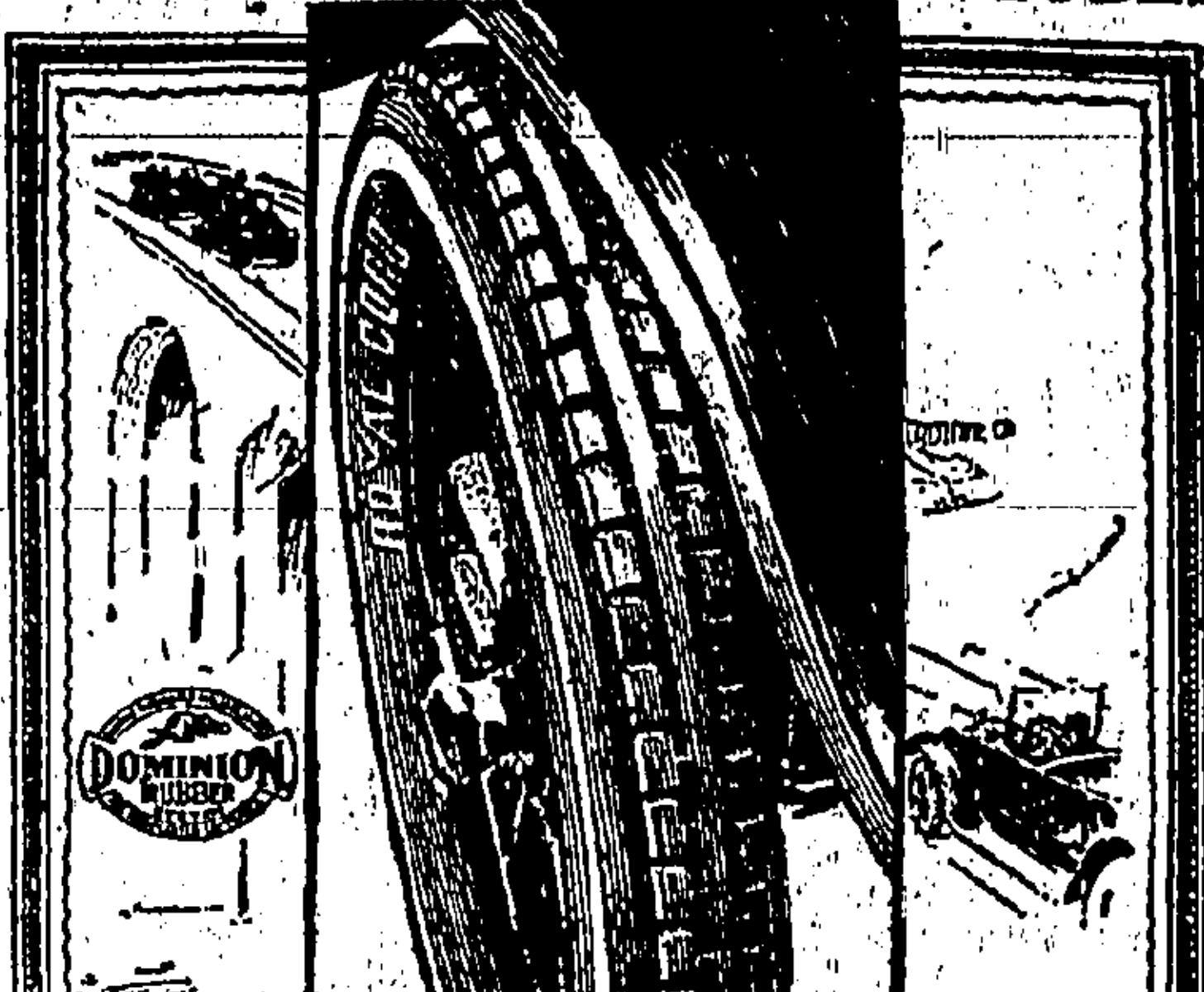
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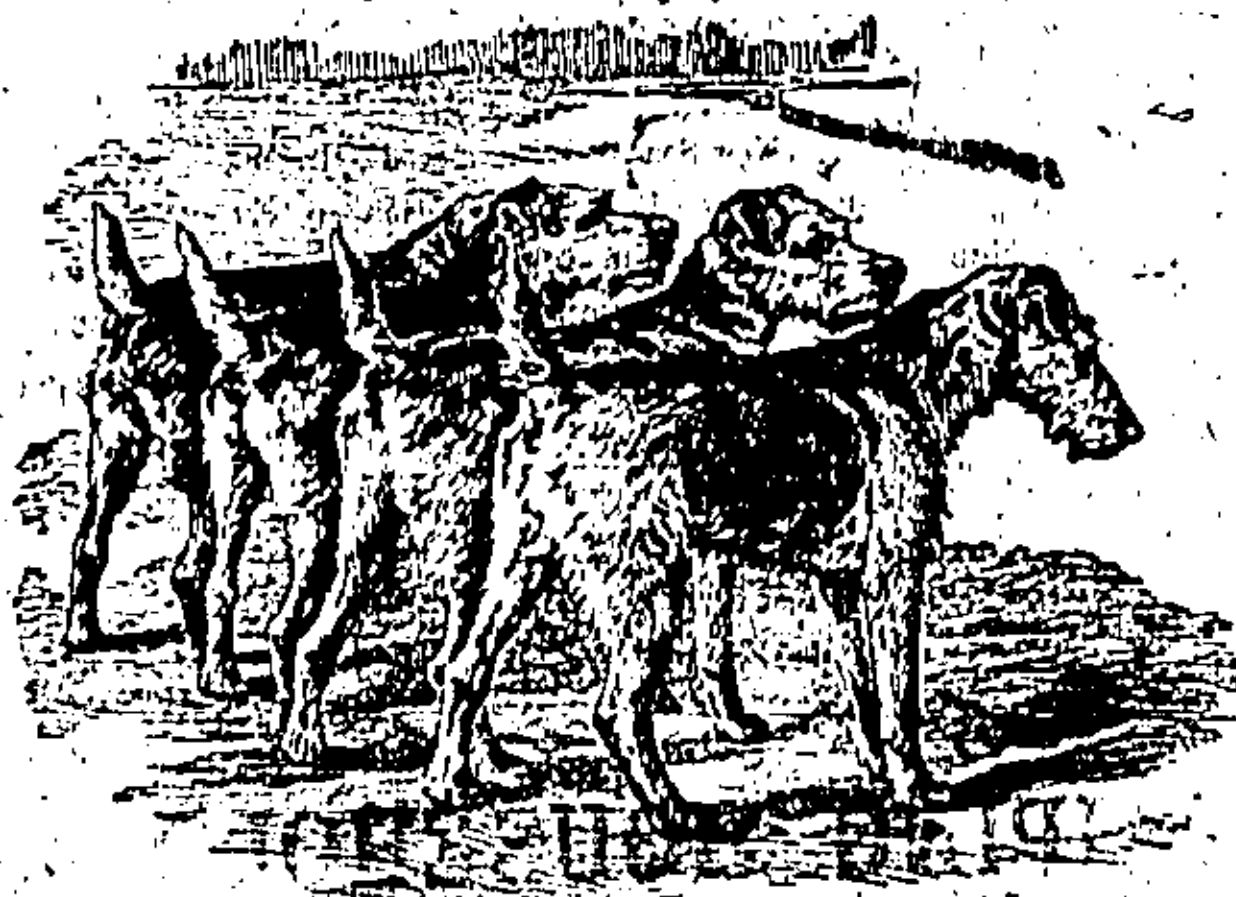
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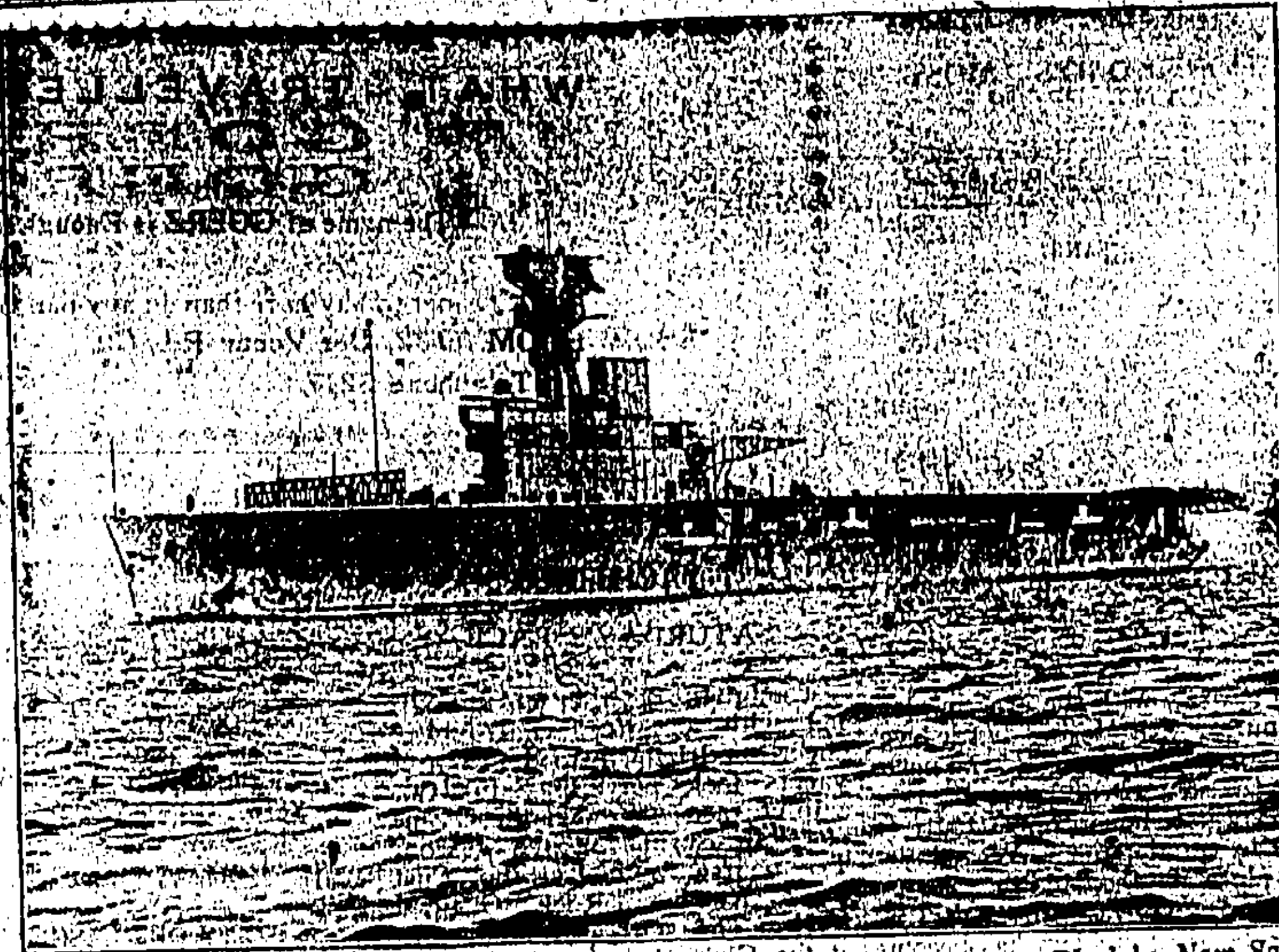
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H.M.S. 'Thornes', the British Navy's wonderful floating Aerodrome, undergoing steam trials off Polperro, on the Cornish Coast. This picture was taken when the vessel was covering the measured mile.



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After receiving a degree at Queen's University, Belfast, Mr. Massey, Prime Minister of New Zealand, surrendered himself to the attentions of several hundred students, who dressed as Maoris, made several presentations.



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Photo by Central News.
The King and Queen and Princess Mary were greatly amused while making a tour of the barracks and married quarters at Aldershot on meeting 'Jock', a grunder regimental pet of the 1st (King's) Royal Dragoons. 'Jock' was intended for Xmas dinner in the Sergeant's Mess, but the men finding they already had enough food, spared the grunder's life, and adopted it as their regimental pet.

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